

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Were the Proceedings of the Second Branch of Council.

MILLER AND KINDELBARGER

Furnished no end of Amusement for their Colleagues, and the South Side had Decidedly the Better of the Argument—Report of the Board of Equalization and Appeals—An Increase of \$535,000.

City council met last night in regular session, and in the second branch the proceedings were decidedly in a lighter vein than in usual in deliberative bodies. In the absence of Mr. Maxwell, Councilman "Dick" Miller, of the Eighth ward, had been placed in the chair, but when the ordinance providing that bowling alleys shall not be run in connection with saloons was brought up, the chairman pro tem called Mr. Kindeberger to the chair. His selection was most unfortunate, the East End man holding opposite views on the matter, and taking all opportunities offered by reason of his position as presiding officer to head off Miller. The latter offered an amendment abolishing slot machines, billiard tables and other devices from saloons, but Kindeberger, with the urbanity of a czar, declared the amendment out of order. Miller stormed at a great rate, but to no avail.

However, Miller got more than when he resumed the chair, and relegated Kindeberger to private life on the floor, so to speak. His opportunity came when Kindeberger offered a resolution that in the future all sewers be constructed by the board of public works, and not by contract. Kindeberger wanted action, but somebody moved to refer, and while Kindeberger worked himself red in the face in objecting, the chair declared the motion passed, amid the laughter of his colleagues.

There was some difficulty in securing a quorum, but when the roll was called in the second branch there was a quorum and two to spare. In the first branch only seven members were present, but after a wait of several minutes Messrs. Meyer and Shockey turned up, giving a bare quorum. In the absence of President Maxwell, Mr. Miller, of the Eighth ward, presided in the second branch. Mayor Sweeney occupied the chair in the first branch.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT.

City Clerk Thomas O'Brien, Jr., submitted his usual report, as follows, which was received:

DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.	Balance.
Board of Public Works	\$2,000.00	\$4,562.32	\$15,704.17
Police	1,281.38	12,770.84	9,010.64
Fire Department	37,000.00	18,587.49	18,412.51
Health Department	5,000.00	5,162.63	2,837.37
Markets	20,000.00	19,529.98	15,131.02
Police	4,500.00	3,960.10	1,459.90
City Prison	650.00	210.55	439.45
Stables and Weighing	2,000.00	1,555.46	414.54
Cemeteries	1,000.00	501.43	498.57
Salaries	11,000.00	6,933.50	4,066.50
Contingent Expenses	10,000.00	6,327.12	3,672.88
Compromise Loan	2,501.74	1,550.87	1,550.87
Loan of 1877	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Loan of 1881	11,842.00	11,842.00	0.00
City Water Board	116,197.77	68,240.94	47,956.83
City Gas Works	95,854.90	50,035.63	39,559.27
Loan of 1886	22,250.00	22,250.00	0.00
Collection of Taxes	3,000.00	477.64	2,522.36
Main Street Bridge Loan	1,372.50	1,372.50	0.00
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Electric Light	9,440.00	9,440.00	0.00
Totals	\$124,340.20	\$124,308.99	\$119,741.30
J. K. Hall, collector, has paid to A. H. Forgy, receiver of the city of Wheeling, the following amounts to August 22:			
Fifty-cent levy			\$21,662.63
Three-cent levy			\$381.39
Total			\$21,944.02

EQUALIZATION AND APPEALS.

The board of equalization and appeals made its report of the result of its series of meetings, at which applications for reduction of assessments were acted upon. Including these reductions of assessments the increase in 1899 assessments over those of 1898 are as follows:

District.	Increase.
North of creek	\$211.00
South of creek	\$224.60
Total	\$435.60

The board's report on reduction of assessments was as follows:

WHEELING, W. Va., July 21, 1899.

To the Mayor and Council.

Gentlemen:—Your committee on equalization and appeals met on several days and took up the following petitions:

First Ward Real Estate.

Application of Louis Metzner adjusted, and Charles M. Oliver assessed with east 51 feet of lot 23, \$500 for improvements, \$400 for ground, making \$900.

D. G. Morgan, reduced \$500 on improvements on lot 64.

Mrs. A. M. Dorn, reduced \$200 on improvements on lot 108, old town.

John H. Foutz, reduced \$200 on improvements on lot 13, O. T.

Letitia McCluskey, lots 1 to 12, Churchill, \$200, city property; never leased.

Louis Bower, reduced.

George Ott, reduced.

Joseph and John Breining, reduced.

Mrs. John B. Goldenberg, reduced.

Amanda Phillips, reduced.

L. J. Miller, reduced.

George Schaefer, reduced.

Edward W. Riffe, agent, reduced.

Mrs. Thomas Manning, reduced.

John McAllister estate, reduced.

Personal.

Edward Elliott, granted rebate on \$500 cash.

Philip Winter, granted on \$500 cash.

Second Ward Real Estate.

Petition of Mr. M. L. Bailey, reduced on improvements, lot 12, O. T.

T. E. Bodley, reduced \$400 on improvements.

Bader & Maurer, reduced \$1,700 on improvements.

N. L. Dillard, reduced \$200 on improvements.

W. S. McDonald, reduced.

Mrs. Eliza Eick, reduced.

W. C. Leasure, reduced.

Elizabeth Dillon, reduced.

Samuel M. Rice, reduced.

Mrs. N. P. Hughes, reduced.

Personal.

Dillon, Wheat & Hancher Co., rebate on \$22,500, 1898.

James Neill, reduced.

Fourth Ward Real Estate.

Petition of Ann Norton, reduction of \$400 on improvements, south half lot 11.

John G. Diehl, reduced to \$100 on improvements, one-fourth lot 22, East Wheeling.

Thomas Downs, reduced.

Joseph Schaefer, reduced.

Wm. C. Leasure, reduced.

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Personal.

Patrick McGinley, rebate on \$400, double assessment 1898.

Joseph Schaefer, reduced to \$125, without rebate.

Fifth Ward Real Estate.

Petition of John Arbenz, reduction of \$5,500 on improvements on lots 223 and 229; no rebate.

Mrs. A. B. Young, reduced.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, reduced.

Personal.

George Frederick, reduced to \$5.

James A. Henry's petition regarding the removal of stone wall at the south end of Main street bridge referred to council.

Sixth Ward Real Estate.

West Virginia Savings and Building Association, reduction to \$500 granted on lot 37, division D, Caldwell; no rebate.

John Boyce, reduced \$500 on improvements to lot 8, Eoff's addition; no rebate.

George Schellenberger, reduced to \$500; no rebate.

George Bourie, reduced \$300 on improvements.

Terrence McKee, reduced to \$900; no rebate.

Jacob Steuermann, reduced \$750 on improvements, lots 15-18, Caldwell's.

F. Priestman, reduced.

Spear's Axle Works, reduced.

W. T. Rumble, reduced.

Clara H. Bodley, reduced.

Mary B. Wynn, reduced.

Johanna Eberwein, reduced.

Casper Emmert, reduced.

H. W. Nassman, reduced.

F. Schaefer, reduced.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carr, reduced.

Personal.

Fred Koehler, granted rebate for 1898 and 1897; time he was out of city.

Wheeling Steel and Iron Co., rebate of double assessment on \$15,100 for 1898.

Seventh Ward Real Estate.

Petition of George Johnson, reduced \$500 on improvements.

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George Zilles, Jr., reduced \$1,400 on lot.

Building Association, double assessment lot 14, square 5, Gilchrist's addition; rebate granted for 1897 and 1898 on \$500.

F. Forbes, reduced \$500 on improvements, one-fourth lot 24.

Books ordered corrected for lot 33.

H. D. Weisberger, reduced \$100 on ground lot 15, Eoff's addition; no rebate.

George Bowman, reduced \$500 on improvements.

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Improvements, west half lot 3, D. Zane's addition.

Walter Elbert, reduced \$200 on improvements, lots 7-8, Marshall's addition.

M. M. Beall, reduced \$200 on improvements, lot 7, D. Zane's addition.

M. L. Estler, reduced \$100 on improvements, lot 14, Eoff's addition.

Mrs. Thomas Prince, granted rebate on \$100 on lot 35, D. Zane's addition, for 1898, and reduction of \$100 for 1899.

M. L. Estler, reduced, on South Huron street.

L. & J. M. Hervey, reduced.

W. J. Glasscock, reduced.

Elmer Little, reduced.

W. C. Jones, reduced.

Jessie H. Logan, reduced.

Theo. Schreiber's estate, reduced.

Francis Laury, reduced.

Aphelia Rodgers, reduced.

Personal.

J. M. Frasier, reduced.

Eighth Ward Real Estate.

Petition of Henry J. Kratz, reduced \$200 on south half lot 7, square 15, Ritchie.

Fred W. Colmar, George and Moses Bell, reduced to \$1,000 on lots 9 and 10, square 22.

Georgiana Munchemeyer, granted \$300 reduction on improvements, south half lot 14, square 15.

Wm. Ratcliffe, reduction of \$500 on improvements, lot 3, square 27.

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W. Marchner, reduction of \$500, on improvements, lot 1, square 33.

Henry Blum, reduction of \$300 on improvements, south half lot 2, square 18.

Henry Blum, reduction of \$100 on lot, south half lot 2, square 18.

H. C. Nolte, reduction of \$600 on improvements, lot 8, square 10.

A. C. Fisher, reduction of \$300 on improvements, lot 8, square 10.

W. H. Schanlon, reduction of \$300 on improvements, lot 25, old plat.

Wood Bros. Planning Mill Co., granted \$500, \$5,000 for 1897-1898; assessment for 1899, \$1,000.

Personal.

Albert Foster, granted rebate of \$1,000; double assessment 1898.

James Fitzsimmons, reduced.

Mrs. Louis Voeke, reduced.

Margaret Helmbright, reduced.

Mrs. Louis Voeke, reduced.

A. C. Fisher, reduced; lot 75, La Grange.

H. Binkman estate, Wilhelmink Binkman, executrix, reduced.

The report was adopted as presented.

James A. Henry's application, made to the board, to tear out parts of the southern portion of the stone wall of the Main street stone bridge, was brought up, but was ruled out of order.

Later the matter was taken up and, after a reference to the city solicitor had been made and set aside, there was a motion to lay on the table, which was defeated, and then the matter was again referred to the city solicitor.

POLICE CHANGES CONFIRMED.

The committee on police reported the recent changes made in the department by Chief Clemans, including the resignation of Officers Gardner and Marshall, and the appointment of Officers Turner and Wells as regular officers, and of John Donovan as extra-man. The appointments were confirmed.

MERCHANTS' DAYS' ARCHES.

Councilman Scallely introduced a resolution giving the Merchants' Days promoters the right to erect arches on Market and Main streets, between Sixteenth and Tenth, and allowing them to remain until after the Knights of Pythias grand lodge meets.

NO BOWLING IN SALOONS.

The Marchner ordinance providing that no bowling alleys shall be run in connection with saloons, was brought up. Mr. Miller vacated the chair, and offered an amendment that no billiard tables, bagatelle tables or slot machines shall be run in saloons. Chairman pro tem Kindeberger ruled the amendment out of order. Then there ensued an exciting cross-fire between Messrs. Miller and Kindeberger, but the former got decidedly the worst of it, and the ordinance soon went to a vote, resulting in its winning, by a vote of 13 to 5.

A GRADE ORDINANCE.

An ordinance was next presented fixing certain grades on Twenty-ninth

street, from McColloch street to the corporation line. It was passed without opposition.

A RAILWAY ORDINANCE.

An ordinance was introduced granting to the Wheeling Railway Company the right to use certain streets on the lower South Side to give it another loop, thus relieving the company of the use of the track on Jacob street, between Forty-third and Forty-eighth streets, for both north and south bound cars. The route described calls for a track from the corner of Forty-eighth and Jacob streets, on Forty-eighth to Eoff, on Eoff to Forty-third, and on Forty-third across the south bound track to a connection with the present north bound track on Forty-third street, east of Jacob. A connection between the north and south bound tracks at Forty-eighth and Jacob streets is also called for.

Secondly, the ordinance provides for a track on Cromwell street, Island, between North Front and North Huron streets. This improvement is mainly for the convenience of the base ball patrons.

A motion was made to refer to the committee on streets, alleys and grades. An amendment was made to refer to that committee and to the committee on ordinances. The chair declined to entertain the amendment, and the vote to refer to the committee on streets, alleys and grades was 10 to 5 in its favor.

SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS.

A resolution was introduced for the cleaning of Alley A between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, South Side. Councilman Killeen said ashes have been dumped there so generously that it is far above the proper grade. The matter was referred to the committee on streets, alleys and grades.

A resolution for improvement of Alley H, near Baker street, was referred to the board of public works.

Dr. Megrall's resolution that it shall be unlawful to sell toy pistols or giant crackers was laid on the table.

Mr. Kindeberger introduced a resolution that all new sewers be constructed by the board of public works, and not by contractors. A motion to refer to the committee on streets, alleys and grades, prevailed, while Mr. Kindeberger was protesting without avail. Mr. Miller was getting back at the Second warder good and hard.

BILLS ORDERED PAID.

The following bills were ordered paid: Equalization and appeals, \$514.30; Market, \$38.60; Scales, \$7.75.

Total, \$560.65.

Officer McCausland Resigns.

Police Officer "Joe" McCausland yesterday tendered his resignation to Chief Clemans, to take effect the first of the coming month, when Mr. McCausland expects to engage in the coffee roasting business. "Mac" has been an ornament to the force during his six years' service, and the business men in the central portion of the city, the "beat" he has occupied, will learn with regret that he is to leave the force. Always alert, courageous, prudent, of even temper—he has shown all the qualities expected in an ideal police officer, and it will be impossible for Chief Clemans to secure as good a man in his place.

Refunders To-night.

The council refund committee meets to-night at Receiver Forgy's office to take up the refund project. The committee and City Clerk O'Brien, City Receiver Forgy, City Collector Hall and City Solicitor Nesbitt are expected to attend the meeting. Mr. Forgy will present a tabulation of the answers received from bankers to the query for their opinion of a 3 per cent Wheeling loan. Several bankers from lending money centers are expected to attend.

Up to the Solicitor.

In the first branch there was inquiry as to what the solicitor had done in regard to council's request for information as to the legality of the city going into the electric lighting business commercially. It was stated that the solicitor would soon give his opinion.

In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office, the following were recorded: Deed made August 7, 1899, by M. L. Zeh and wife to H. F. Behrens, Jr., consideration, \$500; transfers lot No. 8 in Elizabeth Hydlinger's addition, Eighth ward.

Deed made August 6, 1899, by Richmond coal works to John Alden, Jr.; consideration, \$200; transfers a piece of land in Richmond district, near the coal works.

Oil lease, made April 12, 1899, by C. A. McCoy and others to the Fisher Oil Company; consideration, \$27.50; lease on lands in Liberty district.

Four deeds of trust were recorded. William C. Hall, a priest in the Catholic church, was authorized to perform the marriage ceremony; W. A. Milligan, surety.

A DOUBLE-BARRELLED boxing match by two "mokes" at the Labor Day picnic Saturday.

DANCING at Pleasant Valley Park to-morrow night. Admission free.

GARDNER BROTHERS' boxing match at the Labor Day picnic Saturday.

Butchers' Excursion.

and family outing to Meyers' Lake, Canton, Ohio, on next Sunday, August 27, by way of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad. Train leaving Wheeling at 6:30 a. m., city time. Fare for round trip, \$1.25. Meister's band will accompany the excursion.

BICYCLE races at the Labor Day picnic Saturday.

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